(b) if so, whether any progress has been made to implement this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Dudhnoi-Depa new Broad Gauge line (15.5 km.) was included in Railway Budget 1992-93.

(b) Due to public agitation and obstruction, State Government could not hand over land for Dudhnoi-Depa rail line. Consequently, State Govt. has proposed alternate alignment from Dudhnoi to Mendipather. Final Location Survey for this alternate alignment has been completed. Land acquisition has been taken up.

(d) Does not arise.

Delhi-Howrah rail line in the range of cracking land

†132. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an apprehension of falling the Howrah-Delhi railway route in the range of cracking land and whether there is an apprehension of Howrah-Delhi railway line and Jhansi- Mirzapur main railway line being affected due to causing 20-20 feet deep cracks near the railway line in four villages of Meja Tehsil of Allahabad; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to avoid any possible accident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There is no apprehension of closing of Howrah-Delhi line in the range of cracking land. Also, there is no apprehension of Jahnsi-Mirzapur main railway line being affected by the cracking of land in the Meja Tehsil of Allahabad.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation to victims of blast on Dibrugarh-Delhi Rajdhani Express

133. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives due to a bomb blast in the Dibrugarh-Delhi Rajdhani Express in December, 2007;

(b) the number out of them who were passengers and railway men separately and the outcome of the statutory enquiry conducted into the blast and action taken thereon; and

(c) the compensation paid to the victims of the bomb blast by his Ministry and other authorities, if any?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 5 (five) passengers were died in the incident of bomb blast in the Dibrugarh-Delhi Rajdhani Express in December, 2007.

(b) All the 5 (five) persons who died in the blast were *bonafide* passengers. In this connection, Government Railway Police Station, Bokajan registered a case *vide* No. 03/07 dated 13.12.2007 under section 120(B)/121/121(A)/302, 338 and 429 IPC (Indian Penal Code) read with section 3 and 4 Explosive substance Act. However, the blast incident has been investigated by the Bomb Disposal Unit of National Security Guards (NSG). The investigation has concluded that IEDs have figured in a big way for terrorist groups and these disgruntled elements of the society trying to enforce their writ on the society and the State. The only effective counter measure against them is preventing them by being more vigilant.

Accordingly, all the Chiefs Security Commissioner, Railway Protection Force have been advised to take necessary action on the preventive measures suggested by National Security Guard *viz.* real time actionable intelligence, access control to Railway stations, patrolling of Railway tracks, institutional mechanisms to control the procurement and use of commercially available explosives, creating public awareness about the items use in IED blasts by the militant organizations, training of the security staff and blast site management etc.

(c) Compensation is paid only after a decree is awarded on a claim filed in this regard in the Railway Claims Tribunal. So far, no decree has been awarded.

Introduction of Kaifiyat Mail train

134. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government to introduce a Kaifiyat Mail train between New Delhi-Azamgarh-New Delhi on the pattern of Lucknow Mail between new Delhi-Lucknow-New Delhi for the facility of the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this new mail train is expected to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons for a favour with Lucknow and discrimination with Azamgarh though both these districts are in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A direct daily service namely 2225/2226 Kaifiyat Express is available between Azamgarh and Delhi Jn. which is equally convenient terminal of the Capital city.

Rail coach factory in Andhra Pradesh

135. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: